

WJLA/NC8 - FCC REPORT

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CRIME & VIOLENCE

10/2 - WJLA - 5AM (0:55)

SOME NORTHEAST D.C. RESIDENTS SAY A RASH OF SHOOTINGS IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD HAS FAMILIES AFRAID TO GO OUTSIDE. ON SUNDAY, THERE WAS A DEADLY SHOOTING ON BENNING ROAD.. THE SECOND MURDER IN THAT LOCATION IN LESS THAN A WEEK. ON FRIDAY, A HALF-MILE AWAY, A NINE-YEAR-OLD GIRL WAS HIT BY A BULLET IN AN APPARENT DRIVE-BY SHOOTING. THE NINE-YEAR-OLD IS EXPECTED TO BE OK. BUT RESIDENTS ARE WORRIED ABOUT WHO THE NEXT VICTIM WILL BE. POLICE NOW INCREASING PATROLS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

10/5 - WJLA - 12PM (0:20)

NOW TO A CRIME ALERT IN FAIRFAX COUNTY. POLICE DOING ALL THEY CAN TO TRACK DOWN THIS MAN -- ALTON THODOS. HE'S THE MAN WHO BARRICADED HIMSELF INSIDE THE VIRGINIA LODGE IN ALEXANDRIA LAST WEEKEND. SOMEONE MATCHING HIS DESCRIPTION WAS SPOTTED IN ALEXANDRIA YESTERDAY FLEEING IN A STOLEN SUBARU OUTBACK. ANYONE WITH INFORMATION ON HIS WHEREABOUTS IS ASKED TO CALLED FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE.

10/15 - WJLA - 4PM (0:22)

NEW INFORMATION ON THE HUNT FOR FIVE THIEVES -- AND AN A-T-M STOLEN FROM THE VIENNA METRO STATION AROUND ONE-45 THIS MORNING. POLICE HAVE RELEASED SURVEILLANCE PHOTOS OF THE GETAWAY VEHICLE -- YOU CAN SEE IT HERE -- A WHITE FORD PICKUP WITH THE VIRGINIA LICENSE PLATE U-A-13-483. FIVE PEOPLE WERE SEEN ON VIDEO TAKING PART IN THE THEFT. POLICE HAVE NOT MADE ANY ARRESTS. IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING, THEY WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.

11/5 - WJLA - 4PM (0:25)

A GLEN BURNIE MAN SHOT AND KILLED BY POLICE -- AS OFFICERS SERVED HIM WITH A "RED FLAG" ORDER TO TAKE HIS GUNS. ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY POLICE SAY -- GARY WILLIS HAD A GUN WHEN HE ANSWERED THE DOOR -- PUT IT DOWN AS OFFICERS ENTERED -- BUT PICKED IT UP AGAIN... AS OFFICERS EXPLAINED WHY THEY WERE THERE. THERE WAS A FIGHT... AND POLICE SAID WILLIS WAS SHOT, AFTER HE FIRED. MARYLAND'S "RED FLAG LAW" ALLOWS A COURT TO TAKE A PERSON'S GUNS... IF HE OR SHE IS DEEMED A DANGER TO THEMSELVES, OR OTHERS.

11/9 - WJLA - 4AM (0:42)

POLICE RELEASING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE EVIDENCE THEY GATHERED AFTER A WOMAN WAS STABBED TO DEATH WHILE JOGGING IN LOGAN CIRCLE. INVESTIGATORS REVEALING THAT THEY RECOVERED D-N-A EVIDENCE LINKING THE SUSPECT TO THE KNIFE USED TO MURDER WENDY MARTINEZ. HER FAMILY HELD BACK TEARS AS THEY WALKED OUT OF A D-C COURTROOM WHERE THEY HEARD GRUESOME DETAILS ABOUT HER DEATH. ANTHONY CRAWFORD IS NOW CHARGED WITH THE CRIME. RELATIVES SAY MARTINEZ'S LEGACY STILL LIVES ON. HER FAMILY SAYS A SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE CREATED IN WENDY'S NAME, TO HELP YOUNG LATINA WOMEN WITH LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL

11/22 - WJLA - 6AM (0:40)

IN FAIRFAX COUNTY -- TWO TEENS ARE UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR ARSON, VANDALISM -- AND FAKE BOMB THREATS THAT FORCED BUSINESSES TO EVACUATE. OUR NORTHERN VIRGINIA BUREAU CHIEF TIM BARBER, BREAKING THIS STORY. THE CRIME SPREE -- STRETCHED FROM RESTON TO MCLEAN -- AND, POLICE SAY, EVEN INCLUDED THE TORCHING OF THE OLD "MARCO POLO RESTAURANT" IN VIENNA. INVESTIGATORS THINK THE *SAME 13 AND 14-YEAR-OLDS MADE AT LEAST *EIGHT BOMB THREATS -- SMASHED WINDOWS -- AND VANDALIZED A FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK.

12/5 -WJLA - 6AM (0:20)

IF TAKE METRO, IT'S NO LONGER A *CRIME* TO SKIP OUT ON YOUR FARE. DC COUNCIL VOTING TO DECRIMINALIZE FARE EVASION,

USUALLY DONE AS PEOPLE JUMP OVER THE TURNSTILES TO AVOID HAVING TO PAY.
SPONSORS AND THE A.C.L.U CLAIM ENFORCEMENT UNFAIRLY TARGETS BLACK RIDERS. METRO IS NOT HAPPY WITH THE DECISION - SAYING IT LOSES 20-MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE RIDING FOR FREE.

12/13 - WJA - 11PM - (0:20
THEY GOT MARRIED IN THE MIDDLE OF A MULTI-STATE CRIME SPREE -- AND NOW, A MARYLAND COUPLE IS HEADING TO PRISON.
A JUDGE SENTENCED MATTHEW BUSH TO 110 MONTHS IN A FEDERAL LOCKUP -- AND HIS WIFE, CRYSTAL, TO 20 MONTHS.
AUTHORITIES SAY THE COUPLE WENT ON A TWO-MONTH CRIME SPREE THROUGH MARLAND, VIRGINIA, AND DELAWARE IN 2017 -- STEALING A-T-Ms, ROBBING STORES AND A BANK, AND FLEEING IN STOLEN VEHICLES.

12/18 - WJA - 11PM - (0:15)
A CRIME ALERT TONIGHT.CHECK IT OUT, A SMASH AND GRAB CAUGHT ON CAMERA. YOU CAN SEE TWO PEOPLE STALKING THE CAR ON 8TH STREET NORTHWEST... THEN, THEY BREAK THROUGH THE FRONT PASSENGER WINDOW AND GRAB SOMETHING INSIDE. THIS WAS ONE WEEK AGO TODAY.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

10/2 - NC8 - 7PM (0:20)

ALSO LATE THIS AFTERNOON... THE COUNCIL GAVE PRELIMINARY APPROVAL TO NEW LIMITS ON AIR B-N-B RENTALS. AMONG THOSE RESTRICTIONS OWNERS CAN NO LONGER RENT-OUT A SECOND HOME ON THE ONLINE SYSTEM. AND A PRIMARY HOME - CAN ONLY BE RENTED OUT 90-DAYS OF THE YEAR. IF THE OWNER IS *PRESENT* - THERE IS NO RESTRICTION. THE COUNCIL- HOLDS A FINAL VOTE -IN TWO WEEKS.

10/16 - NC8 - 4PM (0:25)

MORE BREAKING NEWS... DC COUNCIL - PASSING THE TIPPED WAGE WORKERS FAIRNESS ACT. THAT OVERTURNS THE VOTER PASSED INITIATIVE-77. INITIATIVE-77 WOULD HAVE GIVEN TIPPED WORKERS THE SAME MINIMUM WAGE AS EVERYONE ELSE - INSTEAD OF THE CURRENT THREE-EIGHTY-NINE AN HOUR PLUS TIPS. MANY TIPPED WORKERS WERE AGAINST INITIATIVE-77 CITING THAT USUALLY THEY MAKE MORE IN TIPS THAN THE MINIMUM WAGE WOULD HAVE PROVIDED.

10/13 - NC8 - 11AM (0:20)

IF YOU DONT HIT IT BIG THIS WEEK IN THE MEGA MILLIONS OR POWERBALL, MAYBE LEGALIZED SPORTS GAMBLING WILL COME UP A WINNER. THE D-C COUNCIL TOOK THE FIRST STEPS TOWARDS LEGALIZING A SPORTS BOOK IN THE DISTRICT. IF THE MOMENTUM CONTINUES - PLACING BETS INSIDE CAPITAL ONE ARENA -- FOR EXAMPLE -- COULD HAPPEN AS SOON AS NEXT SPRING. IT WOULD BE RUN BY THE D-C LOTTERY.

11/1 - NC8 - 7PM (0:15)

PLANS TO LOWER THE VOTING AGE IN THE DISTRICT ARE MOVING FORWARD. THE D-C COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY -- ADVANCING THE MEASURE WITH A UNANIMOUS THREE-NOTHING VOTE. THAT BILL NOW HEADS TO THE FULL COUNCIL -- NOVEMBER 13TH.

11/14 - NC8 - 7AM (0:25)

COVERING DC...CITY COUNCIL, CRACKING DOWN ON SHORT TERM RENTAL PROPERTIES-- LIKE AIR B-N-B. NEW RESTRICTIONS

COMING DOWN LAST NIGHT. AS YOU MIGHT IMAGINE HOTELS APPROVE -- BUT AIR-B-N-B AND HOSTS ARE FURIOUS. SPARE ROOMS AND HOMES CAN ONLY BE RENTED OUT FOR 90 DAYS OUT OF THE YEAR. THE MAYOR VOICED CONCERNS ABOUT THE BILL THAT RECEIVED UNANIMOUS APPROVAL FROM THE COUNCIL. WE'LL LET YOU KNOW IF SHE VETOES.

11/28 - WJLA - 5AM (0:20)

HAPPENING TODAY.. A D-C COUNCIL COMMITTEE SET TO VOTE ON A GUN SAFETY BILL. IT INCLUDES A "RED FLAG" LAW, ALLOWING POLICE, THROUGH A COURT ORDER, TO REMOVE GUNS FROM PEOPLE DEEMED DANGEROUS TO THEMSELVES OR OTHERS. THE BILL ALSO BANS BUMP STOCKS.. AND INCREASES THE PENALTY FOR POSSESSING HIGH-CAPACITY MAGAZINE CLIPS.

12/4 - WJLA - 12PM (0:56)

COVERING THE DISTRICT AND CHANGES IN THE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM. MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER -- ANNOUNCING DOCTOR LEWIS FEREBEE WILL THE NEXT D-C SCHOOLS CHANCELLOR. FEREBEE PREVIOUSLY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF INDIANAPOLIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS... HE'S KNOWN FOR CREATING INNOVATION SCHOOLS WHEN CHARTER SCHOOL COMPANIES TAKE OVER FAILING PUBLIC SCHOOLS. BUT HE SAYS THOSE IDEAS MAY NOT TRANSLATE TO THE NATION'S CAPITOL. FEREBEE STILL HAS TO BE APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL. IF HE IS, WE'LL BE THE CITY'S SIXTH SCHOOLS LEADER SINCE THE YEAR 2000.

12/5 - WJLA - 4:30AM (0:27)

COVERING METRO... THE DAYS OF GETTING THROWN IN JAIL FOR JUMPING A METRO TURNSTILE ARE JUST ABOUT *OVER IN THE DISTRICT. THE D-C COUNCIL VOTING TO DE-CRIMINALIZE FARE EVASION. SPONSORS AND THE A.C.L.U CLAIM ENFORCEMENT UNFAIRLY TARGETS BLACK RIDERS. METRO NOT HAPPY WITH THE DECISION - SAYING IT LOSES 20- MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR WHEN PEOPLE SKIP PAYING THEIR FARES AND CHANGING THE PENALTIES WILL ONLY MAKE THINGS *WORSE. IF MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER SIGNS THE BILL... IT WOULD TAKE EFFECT NEXT YEAR.

2/18 - WJLA - 6PM (0:40)

ALSO TODAY, D-C BECAME A LEADER IN THE QUEST FOR CLEAN ENERGY AND THE FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE. THE CITY COUNCIL PASSED A 100 PERCENT RENEWABLE ENERGY LAW. IT REQUIRES DISTRICT UTILITIES TO GET ALL ENERGY FROM WIND AND SOLAR SOURCES BY 2032. MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER IS EXPECTED TO SIGN THE LEGISLATION. OF COURSE CONGRESS COULD VETO IT.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

10/1 - NC8 - 10AM (0:15)

ON FRIDAY IN VIRGINIA -- GOVERNOR RALPH NORTHAM ESTABLISHED A COMMISSION TO HELP FIGHT THE COMMONWEALTH'S OPIOID EPIDEMIC. THE GOVERNOR - SAID THE GROUP OF EXPERTS WILL REVIEW THE STATE'S CURRENT APPROACH ON CURBING OPIOID ABUSE AND OFFER FEEDBACK ON WAYS TO IMPROVE.

10/23 - NC8 - 5AM (0:25)

THE RING-LEADER OF A FOILED PLOT TO SHIP SEVERAL POUNDS OF DRUGS, INCLUDING FENTANYL, TO VIRGINIA-- NOW HEADINGS TO PRISON. PROSECUTORS SAY "FIORMAN GILLETT" (GILL-ETT) USED FED-EX TO SHIP TWO-POUNDS OF FENTANYL FROM TEXAS TO VIRGINIA. THATS ENOUGH FENTANYL TO KILL MORE THAN 100-THOUSAND PEOPLE. GILLETT WAS SENTENCED TO 11 YEARS IN PRISON FOR THE CRIME. PROSECUTORS SAY HE IS ALSO IN THE COUNTRY ILLEGALLY, AND AFTER HIS SENTENCE HE WILL BE DEPORTED BACK TO BELIZE.

10/26 - WJLA - 5AM (0:35)

HERE'S A REASON YOU MAY WANT TO START YOUR WEEKEND OFF WITH A COLD ONE. A NEW STUDY FINDS YOU CAN DRINK AWAY YOUR TROUBLES. RESEARCHERS SAYING ALCOHOL IMPACTS A GENE IN YOUR BRAIN THAT MAKES YOU FORGET THE BAD TIMES AND ONLY REMEMBER THE GOOD ONES. THE D-2 GENE ENCODES WHETHER A MEMORY IS PLEASING OR NPLEASANT AND ALCOHOL IMPACTS THAT GENE IN THE BRAIN TO CRAVE THOSE HAPPY MEMORIES. ONE DRINK CAN CHANGE THE MEMORY PATHWAY FOR AN HOUR. AND THREE DRINKS FOR 24 HOURS. NOW DON'T GET TOO CARRIED AWAY, ADDICTION EXPERTS WARN WHILE ALCOHOL CAN MAKE YOU FORGET THE BAD... AND REMEMBER THE GOOD, IT'S ONLY FOR A SHORT TIME BEFORE THE EFFECTS WEARS OFF.

11/3 - NC8 - 11 AM (0:32)

A NEW ULTRA-POWERFUL OPIOID IS ABOUT TO MAKE ITS WAY INTO HOSPITALS. THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION APPROVED THE NEW DRUG CALLED DSUVIA FRIDAY. IT'S TEN TIMES MORE

POWERFUL THAN FENTANYL. THAT MAKES IT ONE THOUSAND TIMES MORE POTENT THAN MORPHINE. CRITICS BLASTED THE AGENCY FOR BRINGING A NEW OPIOID TO MARKET AS THE NATION FACES INCREASING OPIOID OVERDOSE DEATHS IN WHAT MANY CALL A CRISIS. THE F-D-A INSISTS IT IS MANAGING THE OPIOID CRISIS AND THE NEW DRUG IS NEEDED BY PATIENTS TO MANAGE PAIN.

11/14 - NC8 - 10PM (0:25)

SEVEN'S ON YOUR SIDE WITH A HEALTH ALERT.... NEW GUIDELINES SAY – ALL ADULTS SHOULD GET ALCOHOL SCREENINGS... WHEN THEY GO TO THE DOCTOR. ACCORDING TO A FEDERAL TASK FORCE -- UNHEALTHY ALCOHOL USE IS THE THIRD LEADING PREVENTABLE... CAUSE OF DEATH IN THE U-S. FOR MEN AGES 21 TO 64, UNHEALTHY ALCOHOL IS CONSIDERED NO MORE... THAN FOUR DRINKS A DAY AND 14 A WEEK. FOR WOMEN AND OLDER MEN, IT'S NO MORE THAN THREE DRINKS A DAY AND SEVEN A WEEK.

11/27 - WJLA - 4AM (0:25)

NEW NUMBERS FROM VIRGINIA STATE POLICE THIS MORNING ABOUT TRAFFIC DEATHS DURING THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND. 12 PEOPLE KILLED ON THE ROADS BETWEEN WEDNESDAY AND SUNDAY. THAT'S TWO FEWER THAN OVER THANKSGIVING LAST YEAR. AUTHORITIES SAY ALCOHOL WAS A FACTOR IN AT LEAST TWO OF THOSE CRASHES. AMONG THE VICTIMS, WINCHESTER POLICE OFFICER HUNTER EDWARDS -- WHOSE CAR RAN OFF THE ROAD AS HE WAS RESPONDING TO A CALL.HIS FUNERAL IS SET FOR FRIDAY.

12/6 - NC8 - 8AM (0:15)

AN EARLY MORNING POLICE CHASE -- ENDING WITH A crash NEAR WALTER JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL IN BETHESDA. POLICE SAY THE CAR WAS STOLEN. SOURCES SAY THE 17-YEAR-OLD DRIVER IS NOW UNDER ARREST. ALCOHOL MAY HAVE BEEN A FACTOR. THE OTHER PEOPLE IN THE CAR WERE TAKEN TO HOSPITALS AND ARE EXPECTED TO BE OKAY.

12/17 NC8 - 11AM (0:30)

NEW RESEARCH SHOWS TEEN VAPING IS SOARING IN POPULARITY.

NEARLY 21 PERCENT OF ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS SAY THEY VAPED A NICOTINE PRODUCT WITHIN THE PAST 30 DAYS. THAT'S UP FROM 11 PERCENT JUST A YEAR AGO. THE STUDY WAS FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DRUG ABUSE AND CONDUCTED BY RESEARCHERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN. ABC'S DR. JEN ASHTON EXPLAINS WHY THESE NEW NUMBERS ARE SO CONCERNING.

12/19 - NC8 - 10PM (0:20)

COVERING PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY A MOTHER FACING CHILD NEGLECT CHARGES AFTER POLICE SAY THEY FOUND COCAINE IN HER 5-MONTH-OLD DAUGHTER'S CRIB. THAT DISCOVERY MADE IN THE HOME ON WEXFORD LANE IN DUMFRIES, AFTER SOMEONE REPORTED THERE WERE DRUGS IN THE HOME. POLICE FINDING THE BAG -- INSIDE THE LITTLE GIRL'S CRIB. SHE WASN'T HURT. THAT MOTHER - NOW FACES MULTIPLE CHARGES.

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

10/4 - WJLA - 6PM (0:40)

THEY'VE BEEN HOMELESS FOR TWO WEEKS -- SINCE FIRE DESTROYED THEIR APARTMENT BUILDING NEAR THE NAVY YARD -- AND NOW, THEY'RE GETTING HELP FROM THE CITY. MAYOR BOWSER HOSTED A LUNCHEON TODAY FOR NEARLY 200 DISPLACED RESIDENTS OF THE ARTHUR CAPPER HOMES. THEY'VE BEEN UNABLE TO RETRIEVE THEIR BELONGINGS BECAUSE THE BUILDING ISN'T SAFE. THE MAYOR APOLOGIZED AND PROMISED TO HELP. THE CITY HAS ASSIGNED CASE MANAGERS TO HELP THE DISPLACED RESIDENTS FIND NEW HOMES WITHIN THE PUBLIC HOUSING SYSTEM.

10/30 - WJLA - 11PM (0:25)

COVERING D-C TONIGHT -- AS THE D-C GENERAL HOMELESS SHELTER... OFFICIALLY CLOSES ITS DOORS. THE LAST RESIDENTS - MOVED OUT OF THE SHELTER LAST NIGHT. THE CLOSURE FULFILLS A CAMPAIGN PROMISE MADE BY MAYOR BOWSER FOUR YEARS AGO. THE SHELTER - WHICH ONCE HOUSED UP TO 270 FAMILIES AT A TIME - IS WHERE RELISHA RUDD WAS LIVING BEFORE SHE DISAPPEARED BACK IN 20-14. THE MAN LAST SEEN WITH HER WAS A JANITOR AT THE SHELTER. HE LATER COMMITTED SUICIDE.

10/31 - WJLA - 5PM (0:20)

D-C'S MAYOR DECLARED "D-C GENERAL" CLOSED AS A HOMELESS SHELTER YESTERDAY. THE 10 FAMILIES LEFT AT D-C GENERAL NOW MOVED TO HOTELS AND WILL MOVE INTO APARTMENTS SOON. D-C IS BUILDING A SERIES OF SMALLER NEIGHBORHOOD SHELTERS IN WARDS 4 AND 7. HOWEVER, THE VAST MAJORITY OF HOMELESS FAMILIES ARE LIVING IN HOTELS AT A COST OF ABOUT 80 MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR TO THE CITY.

11/2 - WJLA - 12PM (0:15)

D-C'S MAYOR BOWSER MADE GOOD ON A LONG-TIME PROMISE TO CLOSE THE D-C GENERAL HOMELESS SHELTER. THE FORMER HOSITAL MADE HEADLINES BACK IN 2014 -- WHEN 8-YEAR OLD RELISHA RUDD VANISHED FROM THERE. RUDD HAS NEVER BEEN FOUND.

11/6 - NC8 - 5AM (0: 35)

NEW DETAILS THIS MORNING-- ABOUT A MAJOR BUSINESS DEAL INVOLVING AMAZON. THE WALL STREET JOURNAL REPORTING THAT THE COMPANY'S NEW HEADQUARTERS WILL BE SPLIT BETWEEN 2 LOCATIONS: CRYSTAL CITY VIRGINIA, AND QUEENS NEW YORK. THE WALL STREET JOURNAL REPORTING THAT THE MAIN REASON FOR HAVING THE TWO FACILITIES IS TO RECRUIT ENOUGH TECH WORKERS. THE MOVE WOULD ALSO RELIEVE DEMAND ON HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER ISSUES. SOURCES TELL "THE JOURNAL" THAT AMAZON IS PLANNING FOR ABOUT 25-THOUSAND EMPLOYEES IN EACH LOCATION. A SPOKESMAN FOR AMAZON REFUSES TO COMMENT ON THE REPORT, CALLING IT "RUMORS AND SPECULATION".

11/13 - NC8 - 3PM (0:40)

DOES THE RISING TIDE IN VIRGINIA LIFT ALL THE REGION'S BOATS? WELL, D-C'S MAYOR IS HAPPY ABOUT AMAZON'S DECISION TO MOVE TO WHAT WE'LL NOW CALL NATIONAL LANDING. IT'S JUST THREE MILES FROM DOWNTOWN D-C. AND WHILE H-Q-2 DIDN'T LAND IN THE DISTRICT, THE FEDERAL CITY WILL CERTAINLY SEE A TAX AND REVENUE INFLUX FROM AMAZON WORKERS WHO LIVE IN THE CITY. THE MAYOR ALSO SAID A BIG PUSH IS TO CONTINUE TO CREATE WHAT SHE CALLS "AFFORDABLE HOUSING" FOR EXISTING RESIDENTS -- AS LOCAL HOUSING PRICES ARE EXPECTED TO SPIKE WITH THE ARRIVAL OF AMAZON.

12/9 - WJLA - 11PM (0:40)

AND IN THE DISTRICT-- A PERFECT TIME FOR A COAT DRIVE, AS THE COLD WEATHER MOVES IN. THIS ONE, INSPIRED BY A RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS. NEARLY A DECADE AGO, A TEN-YEAR OLD BOY GAVE HIS COAT TO A CLASSMATE WHO DIDN'T HAVE ONE.. NOW, THE "WARMING HEARTS" COAT DRIVE ASKS PEOPLE TO SHOW THAT SAME KINDNESS-- BY DONATING COATS-- SO OTHERS CAN STAY WARM THROUGHOUT THE SEASON. SWEENEY, SAYS SHE AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS FIND LOCATIONS WHERE THERE'S A LARGE HOMELESS POPULATION-- TO GIVE OUT THE COATS. OVER THE YEARS, THE "WARMING HEARTS" CAMPAIGN-- COLLECTING 3-THOUSAND COATS.

12/24 - WJLA - 11PM (0:40)

ACROSS NORTHERN VIRGINIA AND IN THE DISTRICT.. A UNIQUE TRADITION CONTINUES THIS CHRISTMAS. 150 VOLUNTEERS TRAVELING TO HOMELESS CAMPS WITH HOT MEALS AND GIFTS. PREPS UNDERWAY THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS TO FEED 700 PEOPLE IN THOSE CAMPS. PROJECT 25 BEGAN EIGHT YEARS AGO WHEN JAY HERRIOTT BOUGHT A MEAL PACK AT BOSTON MARKET AND DECIDED TO SHARE IT WITH SOME HOMELESS MEN. THE COOKOLOGY RECREATIONAL CULINARY SCHOOL IN STERLING OPENING UP ITS KITCHEN TO HELP WITH THOSE MEALS.

12/26 - WJLA - 5AM (0:40)

THE HOLIDAY WAS A LITTLE BRIGHTER FOR THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN OUR AREA... THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF CHARITIES THROUGHOUT THE D-M-V... ONE OF THEM...THE 25TH PROJECT... HAS BEEN FEEDING AND CLOTHING THE HOMELESS IN TENT CAMPS ACROSS NORTHERN VIRGINIA AND D-Câ€¦ FOR 8 YEARS. IT'S WORK THEY DO YEAR-ROUND... BUT TAKES ON SPECIAL MEANING DURING THE HOLIDAY. THE 25TH PROJECT PROVIDES MEALS AND SUPPLIES TO THE HOMELESS LIVING IN THE WOODS OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA. THEY DO SOMETHING TO HELP.. ON THE 25TH DAY OF EACH MONTH.

HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

10/17 - NC8 - 8AM(0:25)

A SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE HEALTH MATTERS ALERT.. MORE POTENTIAL CASES OF THAT POLIO-LIKE CONDITION, A-F-M.. THIS TIME IN MARYLAND. STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY FIVE CHILDREN ARE SHOWING SYMPTOMS. MORE THAN 60 CASES HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN 22 STATES THIS YEAR. LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT THE CAUSE OF A-F-M. SOME PATIENTS RECOVER QUICKLY. BUT OTHERS EXPERIENCE PARALYSIS, AND REQUIRE ONGOING CARE. DOCTORS STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTION. A-F-M AFFECTS ONE IN A MILLION PEOPLE, SO IT'S STILL RARE. BUT IF YOU NOTICE ANY SYMPTOMS IN YOUR CHILD, CALL THE DOCTOR RIGHT AWAY.

10/18 - NC8 - 11AM(0:25)

WE'RE ON YOUR SIDE WITH A HEALTH ALERT --AN OUTBREAK OF ANTIBIOTIC-RESISTANT SALMONELLA -- SPREADING ACROSS THE COUNTRY. 92 PEOPLE HAVE GOTTEN SICK... INCLUDING IN MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA. THE C-D-C SAYS -- 21 HAVE BEEN HOSPITALIZED -- BUT SO FAR, NO ONE HAS DIED. THE OUTBREAK, TIED TO LIVE CHICKENS - AND RAW MEAT FROM A VARIETY OF BRANDS. COOKING CHICKEN THOROUGHLY CAN KILL THE BACTERIA.

10/24 - NC8 - 11AM(0:30)

AN OUTBREAK OF "HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE" AT ONE OF JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY'S CAMPUSES IN BALTIMORE. THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAYS NEARLY 130 PEOPLE ARE CONFIRMED SICK. HAND FOOT AND MOUTH IS CONTAGIOUS -- CAUSED BY A VIRUS. SYMPTOMS INCLUDE A FEVER, SORE THROAT, AND SORES IN THE MOUTH AS WELL AS RASHES ON THE HANDS AND FEET. WHILE IT'S USUALLY FOUND IN CHILDREN, DOCTORS SAY IT ISN'T SURPRISING TO SEE IT IN COLLEGE STUDENTS LIVING IN CLOSE QUARTERS.

11/8 - NC8 - 10PM(0:30)

SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE - WITH A HEALTH ALERT TONIGHT. THAT SALMONELLA OUTBREAK LINKED TO RAW TURKEY PRODUCTS -- NOW TURNING DEADLY. THE C-D-C SAYS SOMEONE IN CALIFORNIA

HAS DIED. 74 MORE PEOPLE ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE NOW SICK SINCE THE LAST UPDATE IN JULY. THAT INCLUDES EIGHT IN VIRGINIA -- AND THREE IN MARYLAND. A TOTAL OF 164 PEOPLE HAVE GOTTEN SICK IN 35 STATES. THE C-D-C STILL DOESN'T KNOW WHERE THIS DRUG RESISTANT STRAIN CAME FROM. AND IT'S NOT JUST FOOD FOR HUMANS, BUT ALSO PET FOOD... SO MAKE SURE TO COOK ANY RAW TURKEY PRODUCT THOROUGHLY.

11/20 - NC8 -4PM(0:40)

AND THAT BREAKING NEWS IS FROM THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL, AND COMES AS THANKSGIVING MEAL PREP MAY BE UNDERWAY AT YOUR HOUSE. THERE'S NEW CONCERN ABOUT ROMAINE LETTUCE AND E-COLI CONTAMINATION. AND GET THIS: HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY IF YOU HAVE ANY IN YOUR FRIDGE - THROW IT OUT *RIGHT NOW!! 32 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN INFECTED BY THE LATEST OUTBREAK OF E-COLI THAT STARTED LAST MONTH. THERE'S ONE CASE IN MARYLAND AND NOW THE C-D-C WANTS EVERYONE TO STOP EATING ROMAINE LETTUCE. THIS BAN ON ROMAINE LETTUCE INCLUDES RETAIL STORES AND RESTAURANTS. THE FEDS SAY NOBODY SHOULD BE SERVING OR SELLING ANY ROMAINE LETTUCE UNTIL IT FIGURES OUT WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THE LATEST OUTBREAK. IF YOU HAVE LETTUCE IN THE HOUSE TOSS IT OUT. EVEN THROW AWAY THE LETTUCE IF YOU HAVE ALREADY EATEN SOME OF IT. IF YOU HAD ROMAINE LETTUCE IN YOUR REFRIGERATOR, WASH YOUR REFRIGERATOR AND SANITIZE IT.

11/27 - NC8 - 10PM (0:20)

IT'S BEEN MORE THAN A WEEK SINCE A UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND STUDENT DIED FROM THE "ADENOVIRUS"... AND NOW -- THREE MORE STUDENTS ARE SICK IN COLLEGE PARK. THAT BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES TO NINE, INCLUDING THAT FRESHMAN WHO DIED. THE "ADENOVIRUS" -- ALSO BLAMED FOR KILLING 11 CHILDREN AT A NEW JERSEY HEALTH CENTER. IT'S DANGEROUS FOR THOSE WITH WEAKENED IMMUNE SYSTEMS.

12/4 - WJLA - 6PM (0:20)

THE D-C COUNCIL -- EXPECTED TO VOTE SOON ON A PROPOSAL TO BUILD A NEW HOSPITAL IN SOUTHEAST. WHILE FEW DISPUTE A

REPLACEMENT FOR "UNITED MEDICAL CENTER" IS NEEDED --A GROWING NUMBER OPPOSE A PLAN TO HAVE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL RUN IT. THAT INCLUDES MEDICAL STUDENTS AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY WHO FILLED THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS TO MAKE THEIR VOICES HEARD.

12/7 - WJA - 5PM (0:23)

THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND WILL CLEAN STUDENT RESIDENCES, OVER THE WINTER BREAK -- AFTER A STUDENT DIED FROM THE ADENOVIRUS THREE WEEKS AGO. THE VICTIM WAS ONE OF 30 CONFIRMED CASES OF THE RESPIRATORY INFECTION. THE ILLNESS STARTS WITH FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS... AND CAN BE DANGEROUS TO THOSE WITH WEAKENED IMMUNE SYSTEMS. BATHROOMS AND FREQUENTLY-TOUCHED SURFACES INSIDE DORMS AND APARTMENTS... WILL BE DISINFECTED OVER THE BREAK.

12/21 - WJLA - 5AM (0:20)

THE RESULTS ARE IN FOR HEALTHIEST STATES! COMING IN AT NUMBER ONE?? HAWAII! THAT'S ACCORDING TO A NEW REPORT FROM "UNITED HEALTH GROUP." THE SURVEY TAKES INTO ACCOUNT 35 FACTORS, INCLUDING LIFESTYLE, THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT... THIS IS HOW WE FAIRED: MARYLAND CAME IN AT 19.. AND VIRGINIA RANKS 20TH.

RACIAL, ETHIC, RELIGIOUS & SEX

10/24 - NC8 - 6AM (0:45)

DEVELOPING NOW.. THE PARENTS OF THE LATE COLLEGE STUDENT, MATTHEW SHEPARD, ARE WORKING TO KEEP HIS LEGACY ALIVE.. AND WE'RE HEARING FROM THEM. IN 1998, MATTHEW WAS BEATEN AND TORTURED IN LARAMIE, WYOMING. HIS DEATH TURNED HIM INTO A SYMBOL OF VIOLENCE AGAINST PEOPLE WHO ARE GAY. HIS PARENTS ARE WORKING TO TURN THE TRAGEDY INTO A FORCE FOR CHANGE. THEY'VE BROUGHT HIS ASHES TO D.C. THEY'LL BE INTERRED AT THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL.

10/28 - NC8 - 8AM (0:20)

IT'S BACK TO BUSINESS AS USUAL TODAY AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE. THAT MUSEUM -- EVACUATED YESTERDAY, AFTER A TRUCK CAUGHT FIRE AT THE LOADING DOCK! D-C FIRE CREWS FOUGHT THROUGH HEAVY SMOKE TO PUT IT OUT. THE SPRINKLERS HELPED KEEP THE FIRE CONTAINED UNTIL THEY ARRIVED. NOTHING WAS DAMAGED, AND NO ONE WAS HURT.

10/29 - NC8 9PM (0:20)

KANYE WEST - CREATING T-SHIRTS TO GO ALONG WITH HIS RED "MAGA" HATS. THE LINE OF SHIRTS SAY "BLEXIT" - A CALL FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS TO LEAVE THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY. TAKE A LOOK. THE SHIRTS WERE REVEALED AT TURNING POINT U-S-A'S BLACK LEADERSHIP SUMMIT - A MEETING OF YOUNG BLACK CONSERVATIVES IN DC. THERE IS ALSO ANOTHER DESIGN THAT READS "WE FREE".

11/8 - WJLA - 4PM (0:20)

MEANTIME, FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF MARTINEZ ARE PAYING TRIBUTE, BY ESTABLISHING A SCHOLARSHIP FUND IN HER HONOR... AT HER ALMA MATER - FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY. THE FAMILY SAYS -- THE SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE AWARDED EACH YEAR TO A LATINA STUDENT AT THE SCHOOL... WHO DEMONSTRATES LEADERSHIP AND A COMMITMENT... TO

MAKING A SOCIAL IMPACT FOR THE LATIN AMERICAN COMMUNITY -
- AS WENDY WORKED TO DO.

11/15 - WJLA - 5PM (0:20)

A DISTURBING AND ANTI-SEMITIC DISPLAY INSIDE BALTIMORE'S HIPPODROME THEATER. WE WANT TO WARN YOU-- THIS MAY BE DISTURBING TO SOME VIEWERS. THIS VIDEO POSTED RIGHT AFTER A MAN YELLED "HEIL HITLER" AND "HEIL TRUMP." IT HAPPENED DURING INTERMISSION OF A PERFORMANCE OF "FIDDLER ON THE ROOF". POLICE ESCORTED HIM OUT AND GAVE HIM A TICKET, BUT DID NOT ARREST HIM.

11/22 - WJLA - 11PM (0:30)

NEW AT 11 - AN ARREST - AFTER A MAN YELLED ANTI-SEMITIC REMARKS... ON A FLIGHT FROM D-C TO ATLANTA. ABC-7 - JUST OBTAINED VIDEO MINUTES AGO - OF THE MAN IN POLICE CUSTODY... ATLANTA POLICE TELL US - THE MAN WAS YELLING, AND ASKING JEWISH PEOPLE ON BOARD TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES. HE'S ALSO ACCUSED OF TALKING ABOUT BOMBINGS WITH OTHER PASSENGERS. HE'S NOW CHARGED WITH OBSTRUCTION - AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

11/28 - WJLA - 11AM (0:40)

AS WE COME ON THE AIR AT NOON. A GUILTY PLEA FROM THIS MAN - DARWIN MARTINEZ-TORRES IN THE ABDUCTION, RAPE AND MURDER OF 17-YEAR-OLD NABRA HASSANEN. TORRES KILLED HER LAST JUNE WHILE SHE AND HER FRIENDS WALKED TO A MOSQUE IN STERLING. ONE OF NABRA'S FRIENDS SAYS SHE HEARD A THUD, LOOKED BACK, AND SAW TORRES STANDING ABOVE NABRA, HOLDING A BAT. HE ADMITTING TO RAPING NABRA, BEATING HER TO DEATH AND THEN DUMPING HER BODY IN A LOUDOUN COUNTY LAKE. THAT PLEA - ALLOWED HIM TO AVOID A POSSIBLE DEATH SENTENCE. MANY FEARED HER KILLING DURING RAMADAN WAS AN ANTI-MUSLIM HATE CRIME, BUT POLICE FOUND *NO EVIDENCE THAT WAS THE MOTIVE. SENTENCING IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 28TH. OF COURSE WE WILL HAVE MORE ON THIS STORY LATER TODAY ON ABC7 NEWS AT 4.

12/13 - NC8 - 12/13 11AM (0:45)

IT'S WORTH KNOWING SACTUARY ISN'T A LEGAL DEFENSE, BUT POLI CE RARELY GO INTO A HOUSE OF WORSHIP TO MAKE AN ARREST. I-C-E, IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT, WON'T SAY WHY GUTIERREZ- LOPEZ'S ASYLUM REQUEST WAS DENIED.

12/17 - NC8 - 10PM (0:25)

NEW REVELATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. THE "MARYLAND PROVINCE JESUITS" -- RELEASING A LIST OF 13 CLERGY "CREDIBLY ACCUSED" OF SEXUALLY ABUSING CHILDREN SINCE THE 19-50'S. THOSE STILL LIVING ARE CONFINED TO A JESUIT RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY AND CANNOT GO NEAR MINORS. THE PROVINCE SAID IT HOPES MAKING THE LIST PUBLIC WILL HELP RESTORE TRUST IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. YOU CAN READ THE ENTIRE LIST AT W-J-L-A DOT-COM OR BY DOWNLOADING THE A-B-C 7 APP.

12/26 - NC8 - 12PM (0:25)

TODAY MARKS THE OFFICIAL START OF KWANZAA. THIS HOLIDAY WAS CREATED IN 19-66 BY AN AFRICAN STUDIES PROFESSOR. IT IS CELEBRATED BY MILLIONS OF PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT ALL AROUND THE WORLD. KWANZAA LASTS SEVEN DAYS AND CELEBRATES FAMILY, OMMUNITY AND CULTURE FROM AFRICAN AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN ORIGINS. FEASTS ARE ALSO PART OF THE FESTIVITIES AS WELL AS THE LIGHTING OF SEVEN CANDLES REPRESENTING THE PRINCIPLES OF KWANZAA.

12/28 - NC8 - 11AM (0:30)

FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING A STRING OF BURGLARIES TARGETING MIDDLE EASTERN AND ASIAN FAMILIES. THE CRIME SPREE STARTED IN OCTOBER. 17 HOMES HAVE BEEN HIT.. IN SEVEN COMMUNITIES. POLICE SAY THE BURGLARS HAVE BEEN BREAKING INTO HOMES DURING AFTERNOONS AND EARLY EVENINGS. POLICE ARE URGING RESIDENTS TO KEEP THEIR LIGHTS ON.. AND TO KEEP THEIR DOORS AND WINDOWS LOCKED.

EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMY

10/1- WJLA - 4AM - (0:50)

THE D.C. COUNCIL IS SET TO VOTE TUESDAY ON WHETHER TO OVERTURN INITIATIVE 77. THAT MEASURE WOULD GRADUALLY INCREASE THE MINIMUM WAGE FOR TIPPED WORKERS TO 15 DOLLARS AN HOUR BY 20-20. VOTERS APPROVED THE MEASURE IN JUNE, AND IT WAS SET TO TAKE EFFECT OCTOBER NINTH.

BUT MANY RESTAURANT WORKERS HAVE FOUGHT TO GET IT REPEALED. THEY SAY IT WILL RAISE COSTS FOR THEIR EMPLOYERS, WHICH COULD LEAD TO JOB CUTS. TIPPED D.C. WORKERS WHO SUPPORT INITIATIVE 77 SAY IT WOULD GUARANTEE THEM RELIABLE INCOME. THEIR MINIMUM WAGE IS NOW THREE-89 AN HOUR. IF THEIR EARNINGS DON'T EQUAL D.C.'S MINIMUM WAGE OF 13-25 AN HOUR, THE EMPLOYER IS SUPPOSED TO PAY THEM THE DIFFERENCE. BUT SOME WORKERS SAY THAT DOESN'T ALWAYS HAPPEN.

10/9 - WJLA - 6PM (0:25)

COVERING METRO TONIGHT WHERE A WORKER - FIRED IN THE AFTERMATH OF A SILVER LINE DERAILMENT TWO YEARS AGO - IS GETTING HIS JOB BACK. METRO FIRED CHRISTOPHER BELL - AND SEVERAL OTHER WORKERS - AFTER IT SAID THEY FALSIFIED TRACK INSPECTION RECORDS. THE WASHINGTON POST REPORTS - AN ARBITOR - HAS ORDERED BELL RE-HIRED. METRO'S UNION CLAIMS - WORKERS WERE NEVER TRAINED CORRECTLY. THE ARBITOR'S RULING - COULD CLEAR THE WAY - FOR MORE WORKERS TO GET THEIR JOBS BACK.

10/19 - WJLA - 5AM (0:40)

IT'S BEING CALLED ONE THE OF MOST POPULAR NEW JOBS IN THE DISTRICT -- THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF NIGHTLIFE AND CULTURE. AND NOW-- IT'S OFFICIAL. MAYOR BOWSER - SIGNING A BILL TO CREATE THE JOB. IT WILL HELP CITY OFFICIALS TO BETTER COMMUNICATE WITH RESTAURANTS, BARS, SPORTING ARENAS AND MORE. BUT DON'T EXPECT TO KEEP REGULAR OFFICE HOURS. OVER 100 PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY APPLIED FOR THE JOB! IT'S NOT A BAD GIG IF YOU CAN GET IT -- THE DIRECTOR

OF THE OFFICE OF NIGHTLIFE COULD MAKE UP TO 118-THOUSAND DOLLARS.

10/30 - WJLA - 5AM (0:25)

THE BATTLE IN D.C. OVER INITIATIVE 77 IS NOT OVER! A GROUP OF ACTIVISTS WANTS TO "REPEAL THE REPEAL." VOTERS PASSED INITIATIVE 77 IN JUNE. THE MEASURE RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE FOR TIPPED WORKERS TO THE STANDARD MINIMUM WAGE. THIS MONTH THE D.C. COUNCIL REPEALED INITIATIVE 77. OPPONENTS WERE CONCERNED IT WOULD HURT BUSINESSES THAT RELY ON TIPPED WORKERS, AND LEAD TO A LOSS OF JOBS. THIS MORNING, ACTIVISTS PLAN TO ANNOUNCE THE FORMATION OF A POLITICAL COMMITTEE TO OVERTURN THE REPEAL.

11/7 - NC8 - 10PM (0:25)

THIS COMES AMID MORE FIRINGS - AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND - AFTER MCNAIR'S DEATH. TONIGHT -- TWO ATHLETIC TRAINERS ARE OFF THE JOB. THOSE TRAINERS HAD BEEN ON LEAVE. THIS ALL FOLLOWS LAST WEEK'S FIRING OF HEAD COACH D-J DURKIN -- THE HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER WAS PREVIOUSLY FIRED. MCNAIR DIED OF HEAT STROKE IN JUNE - TWO WEEKS AFTER COLLAPSING AT PRACTICE. AN INVESTIGATION FOUND TRAINERS DIDN'T FOLLOW PROPER PROTOCOL IN GETTING MCNAIR HELP.

11/14 - NC8 - 3PM (0:20)

AMAZON DELIVERED! AND NOW HALF OF HQ-2 IS COMING TO CRYSTAL CITY. THE OTHER PART WILL BE BUILT IN QUEENS, NEW YORK. THE NUMBERS TELL THE ECONOMIC STORY. STARTING NEXT YEAR... 400 PEOPLE WILL BE HIRED FOR THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA PROJECT. IN 2020 -- THE COMPANY PLANS TO HAVE A THOUSAND WORKERS ON THE JOB. OVER TIME THAT WILL CONTINUE TO GROW. BUT WE DON'T EXPECT THE 25-THOUSAND NEW AMAZON EMPLOYEES UNTIL 2030.

11/27 - NC8 - 8AM (0:20)

GENERAL MOTORS IS DEFENDING ITS DECISION TO DOWNSIZE. THE COMPANY PLANS TO CUT MORE THAN 14-THOUSAND JOBS, AND CLOSE FOUR U.S. PLANTS. ONE IS IN WHITE MARSH, MARYLAND, IN BALTIMORE COUNTY. G-M ALSO PLANS TO STOP

PRODUCTION OF SEVERAL MODELS, INCLUDING THE CHEVY VOLT, CRUZE AND IMPALA. THE UNITED AUTO WORKERS AND DETROIT'S MAYOR SAY THEY'LL FIGHT THE MOVE.

12/4 - WJLA - 5AM (0:56)

NEW LEADERSHIP COMING TO D-C PUBLIC SCHOOLS -- AFTER THE DISTRICT GOT CAUGHT "FAKING THE GRADE" LAST YEAR. MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER ANNOUNCING A NEW CHANCELLOR YESTERDAY -- DR. LEWIS FEREBEE {{FAIR-UH-BEE}} -- A SUPERINTENDENT FROM INDIANAPOLIS. HE'S KNOWN FOR CREATING INNOVATION SCHOOLS -- ALLOWING CHARTER SCHOOL COMPANIES TO TAKE OVER FAILING PUBLIC SCHOOLS... AND HAVING CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINSTRATORS RE-APPLY FOR THEIR OLD JOBS. BUT -- FEREBEE SAYS HE MAY NOT BRING THOSE SAME IDEAS TO D-C. SOME MEMBERS OF THE MAYOR'S SELECTION COMMITTEE TELL US THEY PREFERRED INTERIM CHANCELLOR AMANDA ALEXANDER FOR THE TOP SPOT DUE TO HER COMMITMENT TO NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS.

12/14 - WJLA - 6AM (0:20)

THE ECONOMY SEEMS TO BE HEALTHY RIGHT NOW BUT IT TURNS OUT WAGES MAY NOT BE KEEPING UP! SIX IN TEN WORKING AMERICANS SAY -- THEY DID *NOT SEE A SALARY INCREASE THIS YEAR. THAT'S ACCORDING TO A NEW "BANK RATE DOT COM" SURVEY. LOWER-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS AND OLDER BABY-BOOMERS WERE THE LEAST LIKELY TO SEE A PAY INCREASE OR GET A BETTER-PAYING JOB IN 2018.

12/28 - WJLA - 11PM (0:27)

SEVEN'S ON YOUR SIDE... WITH A STARTLING REPORT ON AMERICA'S TEACHERS. THE WALL STREET JOURNAL REPORTING THEY'RE QUITTING FASTER THAN AT ANY OTHER TIME IN HISTORY. USING DATA FROM THE LABOR DEPARTMENT -- THE PAPER FOUND THAT PUBLIC EDUCATION WORKERS LEFT THEIR JOBS AT AN AVERAGE OF 83 PER TEN-THOUSAND SOME SAY THEY'RE JUST LOOKING FOR BETTER PAY... OTHERS THAT THEY'RE JUST FED UP WITH THE LACK OF RESOURCES OR SUPPORT FROM THEIR COMMUNITIES.

EDUCATION

10/3 - NC8 - 10PM (0:45)

AN UPDATE TO OUR FAKING THE GRADE INVESTIGATION... CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM -- STILL A PROBLEM AT D-C PUBLIC SCHOOLS... DESPITE A YEAR OF SCRUTINY. D-C MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER'S OFFICE TELLING COUNCILMEMBERS TODAY -- THAT CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM -- CLASSIFIED AS MISSING MORE THAN TEN CLASSES UNEXCUSED -- IS UP FOR ALL STUDENTS. THEY'RE HIRING A HARVARD UNIVERSITY THINK TANK TO HELP TACKLE THE PROBLEM.. AND TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT CAUSES STUDENTS TO SKIP CLASS. D-C PUBLIC SCHOOLS HAS PARTNERED WITH SOME CHARTER SCHOOLS TO LEARN HOW THEY SUCCESSFULLY TACKLE CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM. THE D-C COUNCIL - ALSO EXPLORING POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS, INCLUDING IMPROVING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, TO GET KIDS TO SCHOOL.

10/10 NC8 - 7PM (1:45)

SHINING THE SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION.. ON BREAKFAST. IT'S CONSIDERED THE *MOST IMPORTANT MEAL OF THE DAY. THIS MONTH - BREAKFAST IS BEING OFFERED - AT NO CHARGE - TO EVERY STUDENT IN CHARLES COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS. KELLYE LYNN SHOWS US HOW STUDENTS IN WALDORF ARE RESPONDING. THERE ARE FOOD CHOICES TO MAKE BEFORE CLASSES START.... ...STUDENTS AT MARY B. NEAL ELEMENTARY AND THROUGHOUT CHARLES COUNTY BEING TREATED TO THE FIRST MEAL OF THE DAY.

AND HAVING BREAKFAST IN THE CLASSROOM HAS ITS BENEFITS. FOCUS GAINED, FRIENDSHIPS BUILT AROUND BREAKFAST.

IN WALDORF, KELLYE LYNN, ABC 7 NEWS.

SERVING FREE BREAKFAST TO STUDENTS IN CHARLES COUNTY DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER COSTS ABOUT 60-THOUSAND DOLLARS. WE'LL BE RIGHT BACK.

10/23 - NC8 - 7AM (0:35)

SHINING THE SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION NOW -- WITH AN *ADORABLE WAY TO HELP IMPROVE KIDS' READING SKILLS. MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES -- LAUNCHING A "READ TO A DOG" PROGRAM. YOUNG CHILDREN CAN COME TO THE LIBRARY AND PRACTICE THEIR READING SKILLS -- BY SHARING A

STORY WITH SERVICE DOG MONTY. READ TO A DOG IS OFFERED AT 13 MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES. YOU'LL ALSO FIND SIMILAR PROGRAMS AT LIBRARIES IN OTHER COUNTIES.

11/2 - WJLA 5PM (0:25)

IN OUR SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION -- NATIONWIDE RECOGNITION TODAY -- FOR A LOCAL TEACHER. BRIAN QUINN TEACHES MATH AT EAST SILVER SPRING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. TODAY -- HE RECEIVED A 25-THOUSAND-DOLLAR MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD. QUINN RECOGNIZED FOR HIS INNOVATIVE TEACHING METHODS -- LIKE HAVING STUDENTS CREATE THEIR OWN MATH GAMES. THE MILKEN AWARDS ARE CALLED "THE OSCARS OF TEACHING."

11/5 -WJLA - 5PM (0:45)

THIRD GRADE TEACHER KELLY HARPER SAID SHE THOUGHT THE MAYOR CAME TO AMIDON-BOWEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TODAY TO ENCOURAGE ATTENDANCE. WELL SHE DID, SORT OF, BUT HER MAIN REASON WAS TO NAME AN EXTREMELY SURPRISED HARPER AS DC'S 2019 TEACHER OF THE YEAR. THE STUDENTS EXPLODED IN CHEERS FOR THE WOMAN WHO HAS BEEN TEACHING FOR SEVEN YEARS.

11/19 - WJLA -12PM (0:23)

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY IS GETTING A BIG BOOST FROM FORMER NEW YORK MAYOR AND ALUMNI MICHAEL BLOOMBERG. BLOOMBERG IS DONATING A WHOPPING 1-POINT-8 BILLION DOLLARS TO THE SCHOOL. ACCORDING TO THE SCHOOL, THE GIFT IS THE LARGEST EVER TO ANY EDUCATION INSTITUTION IN THE COUNTRY. UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT RONALD DANIELS SAYS THE MONEY WILL ALLOW THE SCHOOL TO ELIMINATE STUDENT LOANS IN FINANCIAL PACKAGES NEXT FALL.

12/6 - NC8 - 10PM (0:22)

STUDENTS AT BRIGHTWOOD COLLEGE'S THREE LOCATIONS IN MARYLAND FINDING OUT -- THEIR FOR-PROFIT SCHOOL IS closing-- TOMORROW! STUDENTS ARE NOW CONCERNED THEIR CREDITS MIGHT NOT TRANSFER TO OTHER SCHOOLS. THE REASON FOR THE CLOSING-- IN AN EMAIL TO STUDENTS, THE SCHOOL SAID ITS ACCREDITATION WAS SUSPENDED THIS WEEK. THE

EDUCATION CORP. OF AMERICA ALSO ANNOUNCED IT'S CLOSING 70 OTHER SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE.

12/12 - NC8 - 11AM (0:40)

A CHANCE FOR STUDENTS - TO RUB ELBOWS WITH LEADERS IN THE ESSENTIAL FIELDS OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH. THE ANNUAL "ENGAGE AND ELEVATE" STEM SUMMIT AT GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY OFFERS INTERACTIVE SESSIONS AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. IT'S GOAL? IMPROVING ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY STEM PROGRAMS FOR DC STUDENTS. THE SUMMIT ALSO RECOGNIZES STEM INSTRUCTORS FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING.

12/29 - NC8 -7AM (0:20)

QUITTING AT RECORD NUMBERS... THAT'S WHAT A NEW WALL STREET JOURNAL REPORT IS SAYING ABOUT TEACHERS AND PUBLIC EDUCATION EMPLOYEES. THEY'RE QUITTING AT THE FASTEST RATE EVER RECORDED. THE REASON FOR THE TREND: MANY ARE LOOKING FOR BETTER-PAYING JOBS... OR FEEL LIKE THERE ISN'T ENOUGH COMMUNITY SUPPORT OR RESOURCES TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

FAMILY ISSUES

10/1 NC8 - 4PM (0:25)

NEW LAWS WENT INTO EFFECT AT MIDNIGHT IN MARYLAND. AN EXPANDED "MOVE OVER LAW" REQUIRES DRIVERS TO CHANGE LANES TO AVOID NOT JUST EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND TOW TRUCKS -- BUT NOW SANITATION AND UTILITY VEHICLES. A "RED FLAG LAW" ALLOWS FAMILIES AND POLICE TO PETITION A COURT TO SEIZE SOMEONE'S GUNS IF HE OR SHE IS BELIEVED TO BE A RISK TO THEMSELVES OR OTHERS. AND COMING ON THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAS VEGAS MASSACRE -- MARYLAND HAS ALSO BANNED BUMP STOCKS AND ACCESSORIES THAT INCREASE THE FIRING RATE OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS.

10/17 - NC8 - 7AM (0:17)

MARYLAND CONFIRMS *FIVE CASES OF THE RARE POLIO-LIKE ILLNESS - CALLED A-F-M. THE DISEASE TENDS TO TARGET CHILDREN. IT STARTS WITH SYMPTOMS SIMILAR TO A RESPIRATORY ILLNESS -- THEN THE CHILD WILL HAVE SUDDEN WEAKNESS IN THEIR ARMS AND LEGS... AND CAN END UP WITH PARALYSIS. DOCTORS DON'T KNOW WHAT CAUSES IT.

10/23 - NC8 - 10PM(0:30)

SEVEN'S ON YOUR SIDE WITH A HEALTH ALERT -- AN OUTBREAK OF "HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE" AT ONE OF JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY'S CAMPUSES IN BALTIMORE. THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAYS NEARLY 130 PEOPLE ARE CONFIRMED SICK. HAND FOOT AND MOUTH IS CONTAGIOUS -- CAUSED BY A VIRUS. SYMPTOMS INCLUDE A FEVER, SORE THROAT, AND SORES IN THE MOUTH AS WELL AS RASHES ON THE HANDS AND FEET. WHILE IT'S USUALLY FOUND IN CHILDREN, DOCTORS SAY IT ISN'T SURPRISING TO SEE IT IN COLLEGE STUDENTS LIVING IN CLOSE QUARTERS.

11/18 - WJLA - 11PM (0:40)

COVERING PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY -- AND JUST DAYS BEFORE THANKSGIVING... A TEMPLE HILLS MINISTRY IS REACHING OUT TO ITS NEIGHBORS IN NEED. REVEREND DOCTOR LAWONNE {LAH-WANNA} PROCTOR, AND HER HUSBAND BRUCE, RECENTLY LEARNED ABOUT FIFTY FAMILIES -- LIVING IN NEARBY HOTELS...

WITHOUT A HOT MEAL FOR THE HOLIDAY... AND BARELY MAKING IT FINANCIALLY. THE PROCTORS COLLECTED ENOUGH DONATIONS TO BUY CHICKENS, HAM, CANNED YAMS, STUFFING, AND OTHER GOODIES FOR HOT MEALS.

11/21 - WJLA -5AM (0:45)

ANOTHER HEALTH ALERT THIS MORNING. THAT MYSTERIOUS POLIO-LIKE ILLNESS -- NOW CONFIRMED IN THE D-M-V. A FOUR-YEAR-OLD CHILD IN VIRGINIA - NOW SUFFERING WITH A-F-M. THE CONFIRMATION -- COMING ONLY AFTER AN EMOTIONAL PLEA TO ABC-7 FROM THE LITTLE BOY'S FATHER. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAYS BECAUSE LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT A-F-M -- IT IS HARD TO DIAGNOSE -- AND THERE IS NO REAL TREATMENT. IN ADDITION TO JOEY'S CASE -- NINE OTHERS ARE UNDER REVIEW IN THE STATE.

11/21 - WJLA - 11PM (0:35)

WE'RE HEADING INTO THE SEASON OF GIVING -- AND TONIGHT, MARTHA'S TABLE WAS READY TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE HAD EVERYTHING THEY NEEDED FOR TOMORROW'S BIG MEAL. ORGANIZERS SAY FAMILIES STARTED LINING UP HOURS BEFORE THE DOORS OPENED. WAITING FOR THEM INSIDE -- ALL THE FIXINGS NEEDED FOR TOMORROW'S BIG MEAL. WE'RE HEADING INTO THE SEASON OF GIVING -- AND TONIGHT, MARTHA'S TABLE WAS READY TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE HAD EVERYTHING THEY NEEDED FOR TOMORROW'S BIG MEAL. ORGANIZERS SAY FAMILIES STARTED LINING UP HOURS BEFORE THE DOORS OPENED. WAITING FOR THEM INSIDE -- ALL THE FIXINGS NEEDED FOR TOMORROW'S BIG MEAL.

12/6 - NC8 -10 AM (0: 35)

SOME *CALMER* SHOPPING IN DC! THE ANNUAL "HEROES AND HELPERS" EVENT BRINGING DC POLICE AND CHILDREN IN THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER. IT WAS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR 100 KIDS TO PARTNER WITH AN OFFICER TO SHOP FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS. THEY ALL ALSO GOT TO SIT DOWN TO LUNCH TOGETHER.

12/19 - NC8 - 10PM (0:40)

A 7 ON YOUR SIDE CONSUMER ALERT NOW -- YOUR "SMART METER" MIGHT NOT BE SO SMART, AFTER ALL. A BALTIMORE

WOMAN FOUND HER BILLS WERE HIGHER THAN THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN. OVER FOUR YEARS -- SHE WAS OVERCHARGED NEARLY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS. B-G-AND-E EVENTUALLY ADMITTED HER SMART METER HAD BEEN PROGRAMMED INCORRECTLY -- AND AGREED TO REIMBURSE HER. IF *YOU SUSPECT A METER MALFUNCTION, YOUR POWER COMPANY WILL CHECK IT FOR FREE. IF YOU'RE STILL NOT SATISFIED -- THE MARYLAND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION WILL CHECK IT, FOR ABOUT TEN DOLLARS.

12/25 - NC8 10PM (0:35)

IN LOUDOUN COUNTY... FIRE AT A HOME DESTROYS ALL THE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS UNDER THE TREE AND THE HOUSE. BUT THE FIREFIGHTERS WHO HELPED PUT THE FLAMES OUT... CAME BACK... BEARING NEW GIFTS... FOR THE CHILDREN TO OPEN. THERE WERE AT LEAST 7 PEOPLE INSIDE, EVERYONE IS O.K. ONE OF THE HOMEOWNERS TELLING US, HE'LL STILL CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS-- AND WORRY ABOUT THE MESS ANOTHER DAY.

ELDERLY & AGING

10/4 WJLA - 6PM(0:40)

THEY'VE BEEN HOMELESS FOR TWO WEEKS -- SINCE FIRE DESTROYED THEIR APARTMENT BUILDING NEAR THE NAVY YARD -- AND NOW, THEY'RE GETTING HELP FROM THE CITY. MAYOR BOWSER HOSTED A LUNCHEON TODAY FOR NEARLY 200 DISPLACED RESIDENTS OF THE ARTHUR CAPPER HOMES. THEY'VE BEEN UNABLE TO RETRIEVE THEIR BELONGINGS BECAUSE THE BUILDING ISN'T SAFE. THE MAYOR APOLOGIZED AND PROMISED TO HELP. THE CITY HAS ASSIGNED CASE MANAGERS TO HELP THE DISPLACED RESIDENTS FIND NEW HOMES WITHIN THE PUBLIC HOUSING SYSTEM.

10/8 - WJLA - 4PM (0:25)

IN HEALTH MATTERS.. IT SHOULD NOW BE EASIER FOR PEOPLE AGES 27 TO 45 TO GET THE H-P-V VACCINE. THE F-D-A JUST APPROVED THE USE OF THAT VACCINE, GARDASIL NINE, FOR THAT AGE RANGE. AND THAT CLEARS THE WAY FOR INSURANCE TO COVER THE COST. UNTIL NOW, OLDER ADULTS COULD GET THE VACCINE, BUT THEY TYPICALLY HAD TO PAY OUT OF POCKET.. ABOUT 500 DOLLARS. THE VACCINE PROTECTS AGAINST THE HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUS, WHICH CAN LEAD TO CERVICAL AND OTHER CANCERS.

10/31 - WJLA - 11PM (0:15)

JUST LAST MONTH -- YOU'LL REMEMBER THIS MASSIVE FIRE AT A SENIOR HOUSING COMPLEX IN SOUTHEAST. NOBODY DIED, BUT SEVERAL PEOPLE WERE HURT... AND *FIVE DAYS AFTER CREWS SAID EVERYONE WAS OUT.. A 74 YEAR OLD MAN WAS FOUND *ALIVE* AND TRAPPED IN HIS FIFTH STREET APARTMENT.

11/1 - NC8 - 8AM (0:25)

A FIRE IN NORTHEAST WASHINGTON -- TAKING A DEADLY TURN. SENIOR CITIZENS LIVING AT THE PETERSBURG APARTMENTS WERE ASKED TO SHELTER IN PLACE YESTERDAY - WHEN A RESIDENT'S APARTMENT CAUGHT ON FIRE AROUND 5-30 P-M. A MAN WAS FOUND DEAD IN A FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT. NEIGHBORS TELL US HE WAS IN HIS 60'S AND LIVED ALONE.

OFFICIALS ARE WAITING FOR THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE TO DETERMINE HIS CAUSE OF DEATH. THIS IS THE SECOND SENIOR LIVING COMPLEX FIRE IN D-C IN ABOUT A MONTH.

11/23 - NC8 - 10AM (0:26)

TWO MONTHS AFTER A FIRE LEFT THEM WITH ONLY THE CLOTHES ON THEIR BACKS... RESIDENTS OF A D-C SENIOR CENTER... ARE GIVING THANKS. THE CAPPER CENTER'S MANAGEMENT COMPANY ORGANIZED A THANKSGIVING MEAL AT THE ANTHEM IN SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON - WITH THE HELP OF THE OWNER AND CHEF OF NEARBY RESTAURANT CALI-WA "KALIWA." RESIDENTS TELL US - THE FIRE CHANGED THEIR LIVES, BUT ALSO TAUGHT THEM IMPORTANT LESSONS. SO FAR - HALF OF THE 160 RESIDENTS FORCED FROM THEIR APARTMENTS - SAY THEY HAVE ALREADY FOUND NEW HOMES.

11/24 - NC8 - 10AM (0:25)

POLICE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY-- TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO AN ELDERLY COUPLE FOUND DEAD IN GAITHERSBURG. A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER -- DISCOVERING THE MAN AND WOMAN IN THEIR 80'S AND 90'S -- DEAD INSIDE THEIR APARTMENT. INVESTIGATORS SAY THE MAN HAD HEALTH PROBLEMS AND CALL THE DEATHS "SUSPICIOUS". POLICE INSISTING THERE IS NO DANGER TO THE COMMUNITY AND SAY THEY HAVE NO SUSPECT IN THE CASE.

12/12 - WJLA - 6AM (0:16)

MAYOR BOWSER -- PLANNING TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH SENIOR CITIZENS AT THE D-C ARMORY TODAY. MORE THAN 3,500 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED AT THE 20TH ANNUAL SENIOR HOLIDAY LUNCHEON. THE EVENT WILL FEATURE FOOD, HEALTH AND WELLNESS DEMONSTRATIONS, INFORMATIONAL EXHIBITS AND LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

12/14 - WJLA - 11PM (0:20)

BREAKING IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY... AN 87-YEAR OLD WOMAN HIT BY A CAR AT DARNESTOWN ROAD AT ANCIENT OAK DRIVE JUST BEFORE 5:30 THIS EVENING. SHE WAS RUSHED TO THE HOSPITAL...POLICE SAY IT'S NOT GOOD. HER INJURIES DESCRIBED TO ABC 7 HAS LIFE-THREATENING. THE DRIVER DID

STAY ON THE SCENE. NO WORD ON CHARGES-- OR IF WEATHER
PLAYED A ROLE.